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SUBJECT: VARIOUS IEA MATTERS

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1. GOA PLANS FOR RATIFYING IEA AGREEMENT

ACCORDING TO SEYFERTITZ (MFA), GOA AT LAST GB MEETING REQUESTED EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR RATIFICATION FROM MAY 1 TO AUGUST 1. WE ASKED HIM WHETHER GOA PLANS TO SUBMIT AGREEMENT TO PARLIAMENT DURING SPRING AS ORIGINALLY ENVISAGED OR WHETHER THEY MIGHT HOLD IT OVER UNTIL AFTER NATIONAL ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER. SEYFFERTITZ REPLIED EMPHATICALLY THAT THEY FULLY INTENDED TO MOVE AHEAD WITH RATIFICATION BEFORE SUMMER AND THAT AGREEMENT WOULD PROBABLY BE SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT IN MAY. SEYFFERTITZ WONDERED WHAT USG PLANS WERE FOR OBTAINING CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL OF THE AGREEMENT AND CITED NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATING THAT ADMINISTRATION MIGHT ENCOUNTER DIFFICULTIES IN CONGRESS.

2. MINIMUM PRICE

SEYFFERTITZ SAID GOA HAD GIVEN FULL SUPPORT TO MINIMUM PRICE CONCEPT AT LAST GB MEETING "ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY". HE INDICATED GOA STILL IN PROCESS OF STUDYING VARIOUS MEANS AND WAYS TO IMPLEMENT CONCEPT IN AUSTRIA.

3. MINISTERIAL MEETING

FONMIN BIELKA HAS TOLD US THAT AUSTRIAN DELEGATION TO IEA MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL PROBABLY BE HEADED BY FINANCE MINISTER ANDROSCH WILL PROBABLY BE HEADED BY FINANCE MINISTER ANDROSCH WITH FINAL DECISION RESERVED TO CHANCELLOR KREISKY HIMSELF. (COMMENT-FYI: ANDROSCH ENJOYS CLOSE, EASY RELATIONSHIP WITH KREISKY AND OTHER SENIOR PARTY LEADERS, HAS PLAYED INCREASINGLY MORE IMPORTANT ROLE IN AUSTRIAN FOREIGN POLICY FORMATION AND HIS FAIRLY FREQUENT FOREIGN TRAVELS SUGGEST GROOMING AS STRONG CONTENDER EITHER FOR PARTY CHAIRMANSHIP OR CHANCELLORSHIP SHOULD KREISKY FOR WHATEVER REASON DECIDE TO RELINQUISH ONE OR MORE OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. (END FYI). TRINKA
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